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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT OSLO CONFERENCE

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1. POLCOUN INFORMED DEPUTY SEC GEN OF AUSTRIAN FONOFF LUDWIG STEINER MARCH 19 OF USG DECISION NOT TO ATTEND OSLO " CONFERENCE OF EXPERTS FOR SUPPORT OF VIETNAM OF COLONIALISM AND APARTHEID IN SOUTHERN AFRICA" AND OUTLINED OUR REASONS FOR NOT DOING SO.

2. WHILE STEINER INDICATED FULL UNDERSTANDING OF USG POSITION, HE OBSERVED THAT AUSTRIAN POSITION IS, OF COURSE, QUITE DIFFERENT. AS NEW MEMBER OF SECURITY COUNCIL, AUSTRIA FEELS OBLIGED TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL ACTIVITIES WHICH OFFER OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AT FIRST-HAND ABOUT PROBLEMS FACING USO. BY ATTENDING OSLO CONFERENCE (AT CONSIDERABLE UNBUDGETED EXPENSE), GOA REPS WILL BE ABLE TO OBSERVE PROCEEDINGS AND COME INTO CONTACT WITH LEADERS OF AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. STEINER EVEN SAW POSSIBILITY THAT
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AUSTRIAN PRESENCE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO MODERATION
SHOULD ANY PARTICULARLY RADICAL RECOMMENDATIONS OR
PROPOSALS BE ADVANCED.

3. ACCORDING TO GOA DELEGATION IN NEW YORK, ALL OF
THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP WILL BE REPRESENTED
AT THE OSLO CONFERENCE EXCEPT FOR THE THREE PER-
MANENT WESTERN MEMBERS. MOREOVER, MOST OR ALL OF
SMALLER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED.
FOR THE SMALL, NEUTRAL STATE OF AUSTRIA
TO BE ONLY OTHER SC MEMBER TO LINE UP WITH THE US,
BRITAIN AND FRANCE WOULD, IN THE JUDGMENT OF GOA,
LOOK QUESTIONABLE IN THE EYES OF MOST OBSERVERS IN
THE UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD. HUMES

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